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Little Cheat Mountain

its murky way they scattered. All sense of direction was lost. The soldiers were cold, lost and bewildered. They threw away their guns and engaged in a mad scramble to get out. Most of them found their way back to Camp Bartow or to Lee's camp, but it was several days before they were in shape to present a warlike front.

The attack of September 14, on Elkwater had failed because the mountains took a hand in it.

On the next day, Lee sent down from his Valley Mountain Camp a reconnoitering party under the command of Major John A. Washington. This party was sent to see if Loring had gotten across Cheat with his troops. They got to near the Federal breastworks and were fired upon. Major Washington was killed.

Lee evidently decided not to attack the Federals at either Elkwater or White Top. Anyway there was no more fighting that year on the Randolph and Pocahontas lines.

Here is a bit of history not found in any of the dispatches. It was told to Andrew Price when he taught school at Big Springs on the site of Lee's camp. Told by an eye witness: The summer of 1861 terminated in one of the biggest rains that ever fell in these mountains and produced one of the biggest floods ever known in these streams. This downpour lasted all night and at daybreak next morning both armies, Federal and Confederate had broken camp in the night and both were in headlong retreat.

The Confederates fled south up Old Field Fork of Elk and cut a timber barricade at Crooked Fork at the foot of Elk Mountain (This barricade played a part in other skirmishes later.)

The Federals retreated down Tygarts Valley turned east at Huttonsville and marched toward Staunton and fought the battles at Bartow and Top Allegheny.

Lee having extricated his army went to Richmond. When he found his summer's work reduced to nothing by this great mishap in the jungle, he was inclined to believe the report that the mountain guide had misled his troops and lost them in the wilderness, and for a time it looked as if a certain young Pocahontas County man, who had

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undertaken to guide them, would be hanged. But Lee must have learned that he had been at fault for ordering them to penetrate the Cheat thicket in the night for nobody was executed. (I have not been able to learn who the guide was). This material was taken from W. Va. Blue Book 1928 - from articles by Andrew Price.

When the spruce timber was cut from Cheat Mountain many years after the war, muskets, haversacks, and other articles were found where the army had cast them aside in their escape from the jungle.

In 1927 when the new highway over Middle and Valley Mountains (Seneca Trail) was being graded as Route 24, a great army dump pile was uncovered and all sorts of war trophies ranging from muskets to parts of cannons were found. These were left by Lee's first command in the Civil War.

Places in Pocahontas that were Lee's headquarters in 1861:

1. Valley and Middle Mountains
2. Meadow Bluff on Sept. 24.
3. Tall House at Marlins Bottom
4. At Sewell Mountain on Oct. 20

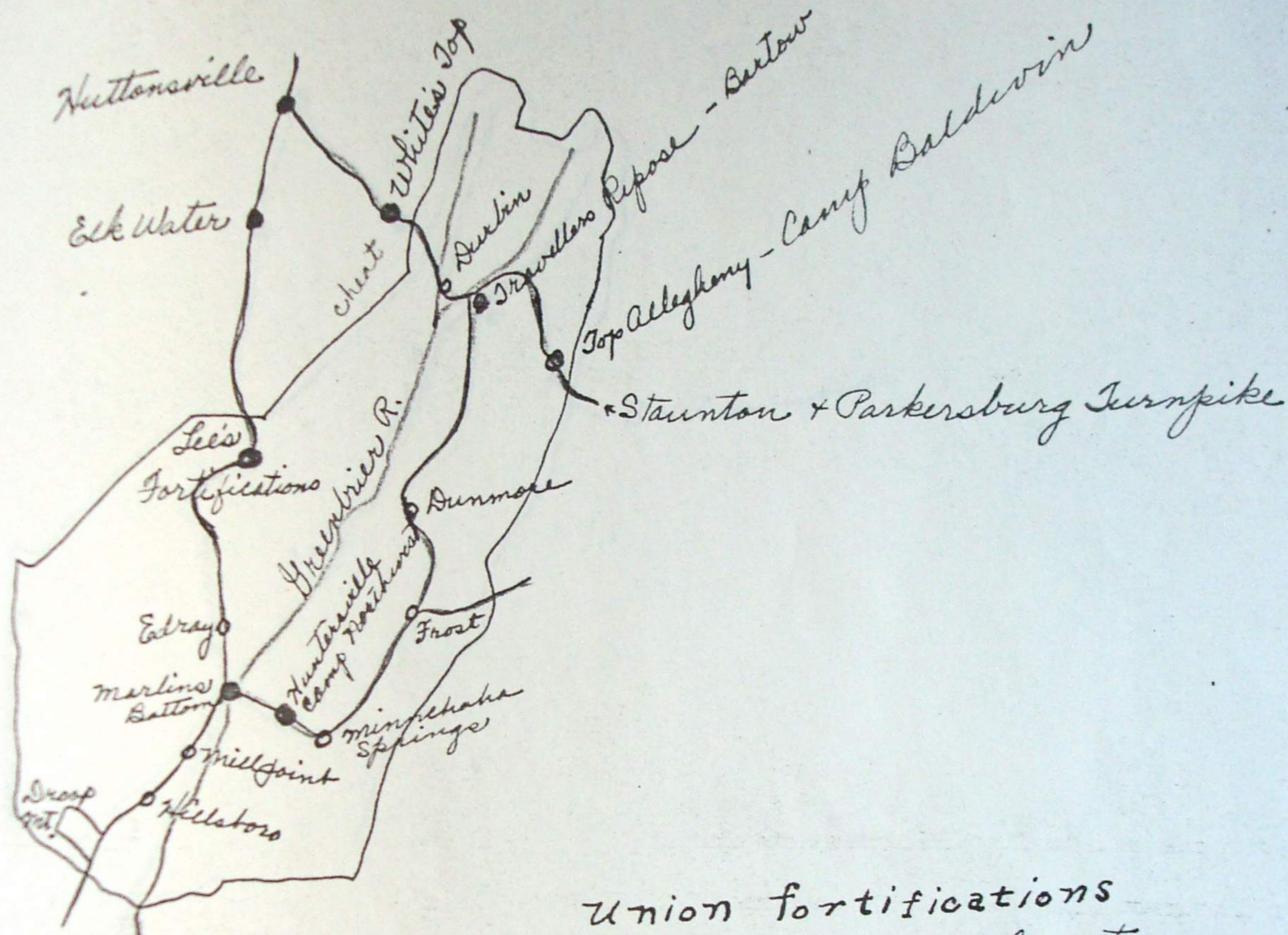
During the year 1861 all of Lee's activities were confined to W. Va. At Richard McNeel's farm near Mill Point, Mrs. McNeel, a Confederate sympathizer; prepared a fine meal but Lee refused to eat it for fear of poison.

Lee's Horse

When Lee was in the Greenbrier Valley, in 1861, he came across the best horse he had ever seen, the grey gelding, Traveler. Foaled in the Little Levels of Pocahontas and developed in the Big Levels of Greenbrier Co. No better horse ever set foot to the road, though this region has produced its thousands like unto the far famed Traveler. (Pocahontas Times).

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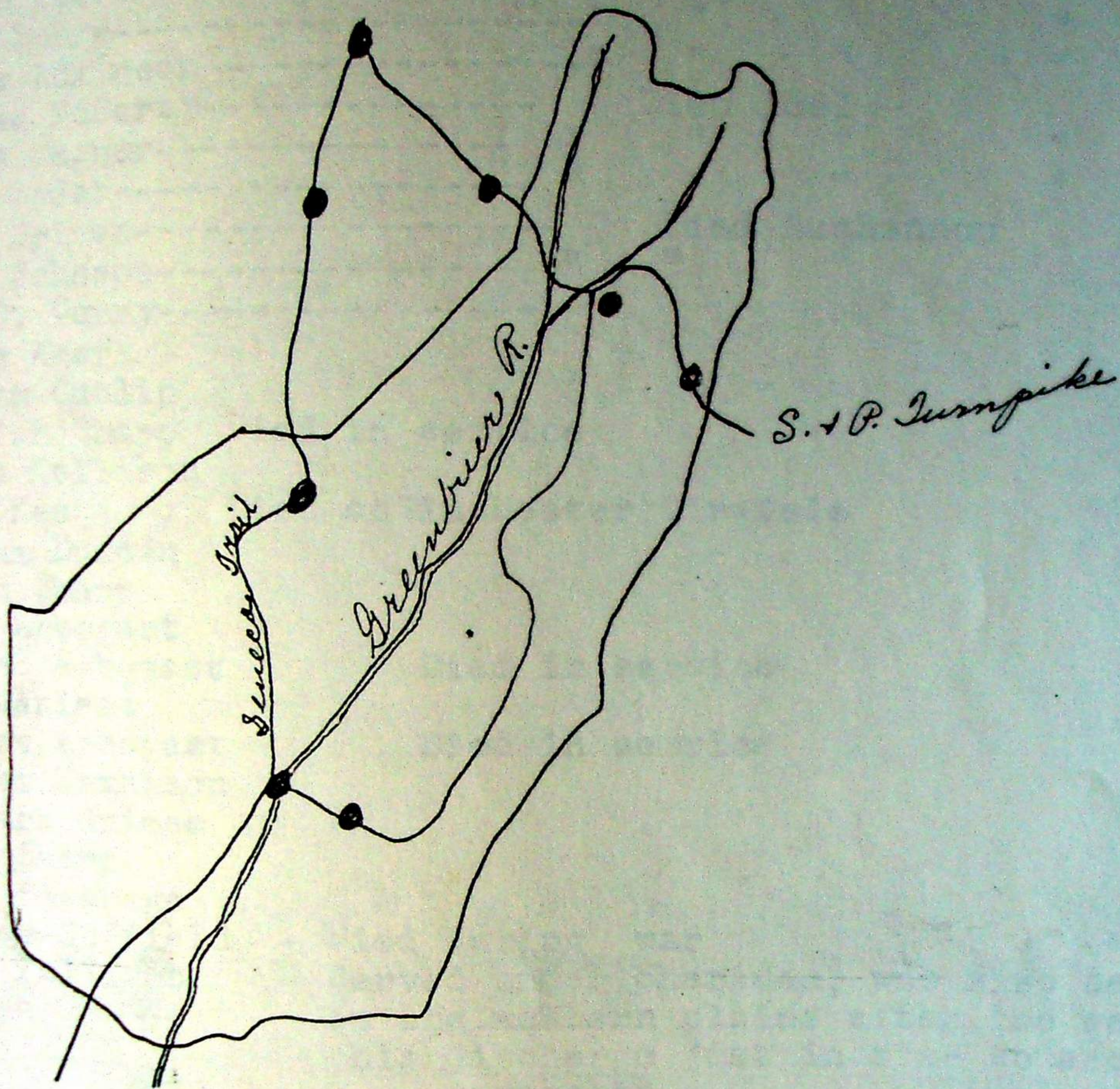


Union fortifications
In Randolph County
at

- Nuttontsville
- Elk Water
- White's Top Shavers Chest

Confederate fortifications
In Pocahontas County

- Travelers' Repose - Camp Bertow
- Top Allegheny - Camp Baldwin
- Huntersville - Camp North West
- Martins Bottom -
- Valley + Middle Mountain



- *Confederate Fortifications*
- *Federal Fortifications*

UNION SOLDIERS

- | | | |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Andrew Wanless | ----- | 10th West Virginia Infantry |
| Nelson Wanless | ----- | " " " " |
| Armenius Buzzard | ----- | " " " " |
| Joseph Moore | ----- | " " " " |
| David Moore | ----- | " " " " |
| Andrew Adkinson | ----- | " " " " |
| William McCarty | ----- | Died 1861 |
| George Wagner | ----- | " " " " |
| James Ryder | ----- | " " " " |
| David Grimes | ----- | Died Buchannon |
| James Johnson | ----- | " " " " |
| John C. Curry | ----- | |
| Thomas Akers | | |
| William Cutlip | | |
| Jeremiah Sharp | Died in service | |
| Andrew Kellison | | |
| James Kee | Died at Winchester Virginia | |
| William Duncan | | |
| Hilton Sharp | | |
| Brown Arbogast | | |
| George Arbogast | Died in service | |
| John Wanless | | |
| Charles Arbogast | Died in service | |
| William Kennison | | |
| W. Clark Grimes | | |
| Abram Sharp | | |
| Peter Beverage | | |
| William Duffield | - Died during war | |
| Clark Kellison | - Served under Sheridan, was also detached service on the western plains after the war. He received his discharge just in time to escape the Custer massacre | |
| William Gay | - Escaped from the army below Richmond with 6 others made his way home to Stony Creel | |
| William Rives Moore | - Died at Wheeling during the war | |
| William Hudson | Went to Mo. | |
| David Hudson | After the war | |
| Bernard Sharp | - Shot through hips. Died at Duncan's Lane | |
| Henry Sharp | - Wounded near William Gibsons on Elk. Died | |
| Luther Sharp | - Shot by a scouting party near his home. | |
| William Rogers | | |
| John Philips | - 6th West Virginian killed at Bulltown in Braxton Co. | |
| Hugh Grimes | | |
| Hop Wanless | - 6th West Virginia Infantry | |
| Hite Arbogast | " " " " | |
| Dallas Alderman | " " " " | |
| Alfred McEever | | |
| Frank Grimes | | |
| George Duffield | | |
| Calvin Kelly | | |
| Carl Kelly | | |
| William Kelly | | |
| Biles Kelley | | |
| Peter Grimes | | |
| Frank Grimes | | |
| Daniel Sims | | |
| William Sims | | |

- Sharp
- George W. McCarty
- Alfred Gay
- Erison Hannah
- Hilfen Bucher
- George Moore
- John Tyler
- James Duncan
- Washington Moore
- George Kellison
- John Silva
- Register Moore
- Francis Byrd
- James Pyles
- Ed Bowers

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Confederate Soldiers of Pocahontas

- Arbogast, Jacob - killed at Fort Donelson
- Arbogast, Washington - died in 1864 from wounds received at Spottsylvania.
- Auldridge, John - killed at Gettysburg
- Auldridge, Allen - Given an honorable discharge. Their father killed for being a Confederate sympathizer.
- Ashford, Claburn
- Arbogast, J. C. - Captain of the Greenbank company of 31st Va. Infantry
- Arbuagh, George -
- Arbaugh, James
- Arbaugh, John A. Died in 1861 at the Minnehaha Springs
- Buzzard, Jackson - Died in battle of Dry Creek
- Beverage, Levi (
- ~~Beverage, Joseph (These were brothers and all returned from the war)~~
- Beverage, Jacob (
- Beard, John J. Wounded
- Beard, Joel Early - Died in service.
- Beard, Charles Woods - returned
- Beard, Edwin S. - - -
- Beard, Moffett - - -
- Beard, Wallace Warwick - - -
- Beard, Wallace Warwick - - -
- Beard, John G - - -
- Barnside, James - - -
- Clendennis, Adam S. - - - died in battle

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- Cochran, William - Captain of Stony Creek Militia.
- Cochran, George - A faithful soldier
- Courtney, Andrew - Died a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware
- Courtney, Thomas -
- Courtney, George -
- Cassell, George - Died of wounds during the war.
- Curry, James - Among the last soldiers killed at Appomattox 1865
- Cooper, Robert - Died in the war.
- Cooper, James - Lost in arm in battle
- Cooper, John - Wounded at Fisher's Hill
- Cooper, Charles - " " " "
- Cooper, George - Killed in battle - 1864
- Callison, James -
- Cochran, Clark -
- Cochran, George B -
- Dilley, Thomas -
- Elliot, James - Under the command of Gen. Kerby Smith in the southwest. After the war he worked his way to Iowa, from there went to the Dakotas on a trapping expedition, and thereby enlisted in Custer's Army. He was with Reno's Company when Custer's Company was massacred in 1876.
- Edmiston, Andrew -
- Edmiston, Richard -
- Edmiston, Matthew -
- Friel, George Washington - Died at Stribling Springs in 1862
- Friel, Josiah Franklin - Died in battle of Port Republic
- Friel, William Thomas - Survived war but was drowned near Elkwater in 1879.
- Friel, John - Died in the army on Allegheny Mountain soon after the battle 1861.
- Friel, James Teyman - Prisoner for three years.

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Friel, Israel (These two were from Clover Lick, both survived the war.

Friel, John L (

Galford, John - Wounded at Gettysburg, died at Richmond soon after in Chimboroy Hospital.

Gum, Robert N. -

Gay, Robert N. -

Gay, Samuel M. - Wounded at Strasburg, Va.

Geiger, Godfrey - (Took part in some of the biggest battles of the war. Were at home on furlough and called by Joe C. Gay to take part in battle of Duncans Lane.

Gum, John E. -

Gum, McBride J. - Captain in Jacob W. Marshalls Co. Once when he was at his home near Clover Lick on furlough he and other Confederate soldiers were at the home of Woods Poage, suddenly I. W. Allen and a company of his scouts began firing on them from the top of a hill near the house. They ran for the woods but Gum seeing he was going to be overtaken, dropped to the ground and lay still when the next shot was fired. As the pursuers passed by they said "Well, we got one of them," and ran on after the others. So Gum escaped. Gum and Allen lived within a mile of each other.

Geiger, Cutlip - 62nd Va.

Gay, Levi - Wounded Spottsylvania.

Gum, F. McBryde - of Greenbank Wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, and again at Liberty. A third time at Winchester. At Cold Harbor he had his mustache shaved off by a minnie ball. He was twice a prisoner of war. Captured the first time at Uriah Heveners in 1861 and paroled. Second time taken at his home on Back Mountain in Oct. 1864 and taken to Clarksburg.

Hudson, Dallas - Died at Port Republic

Hudson, W. V. - Leiu., served through the war.

Hefner, Lanty A. -

Hull, John - Died in the war.

Hively, James - 62nd Va.

Irvine, Benjamin F. - Captured in upper Pocahontas in 1861. Died a prisoner of war.

Jordan, Jonathan - died while home on furlough.

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Kennison, David D. - died during war.

Kennison, Davis -

Kennison, Nathaniel -

Kennison, John -

Kee, George M. - 22nd Va.

Moore, Charles L -

Moore, James C. - died of wounds received in 7 day fight around Richmond. Buried near Greenwood Tunnel, Va.

Moore, William - Captured near Richmond in 1862. Never heard from again.

McLaughlin, John - Taken prisoner. Died Camp Chase, Ohio.

McLaughlin, James H. - Lieu., While on picket at the Rapidan River, he joked with the others and as he stuck out his foot, in an instant his ankle was shattered by a minnie ball. He was taken to a hospital and doing well, but he ate too much of the good things brought by some ladies. One of few conf. killed by kindness.

McLaughlin, Jacob - Died in war, in the battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864. He wrote from Bunker Hill on Aug. 1, 1864 to his cousin Nannie McLaughlin in which he tells of much marching and fighting since May 4, and states further that the troops are very much exhausted by these fatiguing marching and hopes they can rest awhile. He further says "I am sorry to inform you that both your brothers are taken prisoners, and the whole of the 25th Regiment excepting 14 have been taken. You ought to be thankful they are prisoners instead of being killed, as there have so many poor soldiers fallen this summer. I think a prisoner now is much better off than we poor men that have to fight and march so much. At least I know they are in less danger" It goes on to say he has not written sooner because they have not stopped long enough to write.

McLaughlin, G. H. -

McNeil, James M. - Captain of Nicholas Blues. At the time of the battle of Droop Mountain Claiborne McNeil of Buckey, a Confederate soldier was at home on a leave of absence. Hearing the battle begin he climbed up Bridger Notch and saw the battle. On one side was engaged his brother James McNeil, and on the other side his half brother, Alfred McKeever. After the battle, McKeever knowing that his half brother James McNeil had been engaged was filled with apprehension as to his safety, and searched among the dead and wounded, and then passed by the long line of prisoners. Presently he saw McNeil and rushed up with outstretched hand saying how glad he was that he was alive and unhurt. But Captain McNeil was filled with bitterness and defeat. He folded his arms and thus he spoke: "I am glad to know, Alfred, that you too are alive and well, but, Alfred, we are not shaking hands today". McNeil was taken to Fort Delaware where he remained a prisoner for 18 months. He was Louise McNeil's grand

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father and she has written poems about the meeting of these two brothers and of her grandfather's experience in prison.

- Marshall, Jacob W. - He raised and commanded a very efficient company of mounted infantry. He was later one of the promoters of Marlinton as an active member of the Pocahontas Developing Co.
- McCutcheon, Samuel H. - Captured in 1863. Taken to Camp Chase. Remained there until the close of the war. Came back broken in health. Died of consumption in 1869.
- McCutcheon, John B. - Returned
- McCutcheon, William A. G. - Went into battle of Seven Pines against his captains advice. Overcome with fatigue. Developed penumonia and died.
- Moore, Brepon - Slain at Gettysburg
- Mathews, Sampson L. - Returned
- Moore, James C. killed June 1864 near New Hope, Va.
- McLaughlin, Robert -
- McEvee, D. B. - Co. F Beth Cavalry
- McEvee, B. D. - Co. F. " "
- McCarty, John - Co. F. " "
- McNeel, A. G. - Co. F. " "
- Moffitt, G. H. - Co. F. " "
- McNeel, William L. - Captain of a company of mounted Infantry.
- McNeel - Matthew John -
- McNeel, George
- McNeel, Samuel Ellis - died during war.
- McNeel, John Adam -
- Mayse, William - a captain - after the war was a government clerk in Washington, D. C.
- Overholt, Reuben E. -
- Overholt, John - died in battle
- Overholt, George H. -
- Overholt, Peter -

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